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1. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH "STATE OF MAINE" DO NOT APPEAR
TO CONFLICT WITH SHIP'S DESIGNATION AS TRAINING VESSEL, AND
CONGEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES TO
WAIVE FEES FOR VISIT.

2. OFFICIAL OF MAINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY DESCRIBED
PROMOTIONAL AREA OF "STATE OF MAINE" AS ABOUT 1,000 SQUARE
FEET ON ONE DECK IN VESSEL'S FORWARD HOLD. DISPLAYS ARE
KEYED PRIMARILY TO UNIQUE FOOD PRODUCTS OFFERED BY MAINE
PRODUCERS WHO DONATE FOOD AND BEVERAGES SERVED AT
RECEPTIONS IN EACH PORT VISITED AS WELL AS GIFT PARCELS
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FOR PRESENTATION TO HIGH-LEVEL LOCAL OFFICIALS. THIS HAS

BEEN STANDARD PRACTICE IN ALL PORTS VISITED BY THE SHIP AND HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY WELL RECEIVED. "STATE OF MAINE" HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS PUBLIC VESSEL AT ALL EUROPEAN PORTS VISITED AND FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED.

3. "STATE OF MAINE" HELD RECEPTION FOR NEW YORK CONSULAR OFFICIALS MAY 2 WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SOVIET DEPUTY TRADE REPRESENTATIVE YURIY A. MALOV. MALOV UNDERTOOK TO FACILITATE VISA FOR FRANK PIVERONAS, AN OFFICIAL OF THE MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WHO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD FOR DURATION OF SHIP'S VISIT. PIVERONAS HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HIS MAJOR FUNCTION WILL BE ASSISTANCE WITH RECEPTION AND CONTACTS WITH PUBLIC. HE SAID HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY CONTACTS CONGEN COULD ARRANGE.

4. CAPTAIN BRENNAN, MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN, INFORMED DEPARTMENT MAY 3 THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE IF CONGEN OFFICER COULD BE DETAILED TO RIDE SHIP FROM HELSINKI TO LENINGRAD AND PROVIDE BRIEFINGS FOR MIDSHIPMEN AND CREW ENROUTE. DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DETAIL IF OFFICER COULD BE SPARED FROM REGULAR DUTIES. BRENNAN PLANS TO CONTACT CONGEN ON ARRIVAL HELSINKI. RUSH

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